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Application No.: 09/634,908

Group No.: 3635 Examiner: Varner, S.

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#### **IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE**

2. Name of assignee:

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Type of assignee:

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1. Document entitled: ASSIGNMENT

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#### **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Alex S. Toback, residing at 65 Fox Chase Lane, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117 have invented new and useful improvements in

#### CONCRETE FASTENER

for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, which approvisional Patent Application was filed on December 14, 1999, under Serial Nov 60/170,689; and

WHEREAS, Toback & Associates LLC, a Connecticut corporation, having a place of business at 106 South Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110-1961, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One (1) Dollar to me in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Alex S. Toback, sell, assign and transfer to Toback & Associates LLC, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained thereon in the United States and in all countries foreign thereto, together with said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filed on said improvements in the United States or any other country; the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof; and I do hereby further assign to the Assignee the right to file applications for patent in all countries on said improvements and all rights of priority resulting from any application for Letters Patent filed on said improvements.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent of the United States on said improvements to the Assignee.

I further covenant and agree that when requested by the Assignee, and without further consideration, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, I will, for any and all countries, execute and deliver all applications for patent on said improvements, execute all lawful oaths and other papers, supply to the Assignee all facts and evidence known to me relating to said improvements and the history and development thereof, testify in all interferences, suits, and other legal proceedings, and generally do everything rightful which the Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting the title to said improvements in the Assignee.

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I further covenant that I have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed and that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other encumbrance whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as of and for this 10th day of January \_, 2002.

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() ss: Recky Hill County of Hadford)

On this <u>lot</u>, day of <u>January</u>, 2002, before me personally appeared Alex S. Toback, who acknowledged that he signed the within instrument and that he executed the same as his own free act and deed.

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#### **ASSIGNMENT**

#### TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC TO SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC.

- 1. WHEREAS, ALEX S. TOBACK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in West Hartford, CT has made an invention, filed a provisional patent application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office based thereon, entitled CONCRETE FASTENER, on December 14, 1999, said application having received Application No. 60/170,689 and being also identified by Attorney's docket No. METALT/107/US, and also filed a non-provisional patent application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon, entitled SELF-DRILLING, SELF-ANCHORING FASTENER FOR CONCRETE, on August 9, 2000, said application having received Application No. 09/634,908 and claiming priority of said provisional application;
- 2. WHEREAS, ALEX S. TOBACK has sold, assigned and transferred unto TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC (ASSIGNOR), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application, and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise) which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing; to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by Alex S. Toback had the assignment and transfer not been made;
- 3. WHEREAS, TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC (ASSIGNOR), a Limited Liability Company of <u>Connecticut</u>, having its principal office at 106 South Street, West Hartford 66110 is the sole and exclusive owner, of said invention, said provisional application and said

non-provisional application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

- 4. WHEREAS, SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC. (ASSIGNEE), a corporation of California having its principal office at 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, CA 94568 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application and any patents domestic or foreign to be obtained therefor;
- NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of 5. which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR by these presents does sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said non-provisional application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise) which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing; the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.
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- ASSIGNOR does further agree for itself and for its successors, 8. assigns, and nominees, and Alex S. Toback does further agree for himself and for his heirs, executors and administrators, that they will, upon ASSIGNEE's request, promptly provide ASSIGNEE its successors, assigns, and nominees, all pertinent facts, embodiments and documents relating to said invention, said non-provisional application and said application and legal + equivalents as may be known and accessible and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto.
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- ASSIGNOR and Alex S. Toback do hereby authorize and request the 10. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to ASSIGNEE, as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

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#### **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Alex S. Toback, residing at 65 Fox Chase Lane, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117 have invented new and useful improvements in

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WHEREAS, Toback & Associates LLC, a Connecticut Corporation, having a place of business at 106 South Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110-1961, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One (1) Dollar to me in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Alex S. Toback, sell, assign and transfer to Toback & Associates LLC, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained thereon in the United States and in all countries foreign thereto, together with said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filled on said improvements in the United States or any other country; the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof; and I do hereby further assign to the Assignee the right to file applications for patent in all countries on said improvements and all rights of priority resulting from any application for Letters Patent filled on said improvements.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent of the United States on said improvements to the Assignee.

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I further covenant and agree that when requested by the Assignee, and without further consideration, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, I will, for any and all countries, execute and deliver all applications for patent on said improvements, execute all lawful oaths and other papers, supply to the Assignee all facts and evidence known to me relating to said improvements and the history and development thereof, testify in all interferences, suits, and other legal proceedings, and generally do everything rightful which the Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting the title to said improvements in the Assignee.

I further covenant that I have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed and that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other encumbrance whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as of and for this 7 day of August, 2000.

Acqueline E. Brown

State of Connecticut )

County of HARTFORD)

On this  $\mathcal{I}$  day of AUGUST, 2000, before me personally appeared Alex S. Toback, who acknowledged that he signed the within instrument and that he executed the same as his own free act and deed.

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